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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3736**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 6530.0145-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jose L. FRANCESE et al.

Application No.: 09/977,401

Filed: October 16, 2001

For: SUCTION ADAPTER FOR
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT

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) Group Art Unit: 3735

) Examiner: MARMOR II, CHARLES
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) Confirmation No. 3026

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants request reconsideration of this application based on the **Remarks**
beginning on page 2.